

S.B. 144  
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Senate Committee on  
Intergovernmental Relations  
Enrolled

## BILL ANALYSIS

### BACKGROUND:

Current Texas law allows a municipality to establish a Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission in all cities with a population over 10,000. Cities with a commission must create a classification system for all fire fighters and police officers.

For cities with a population over 1,500,000, municipal peace officers must be classified in specialized police divisions in accordance with the duties performed by the peace officers. It is asserted that specialized divisions such as airport police, park police, and municipal marshals have fulfilled the same requirements as regular peace officers, but do not receive equal compensation and benefits.

### PURPOSE:

S.B. 144 requires the governing body in a city having a population of 1,500,000 or more to provide a peace officer in a specialized police division with the same compensation and benefits received by an officer of equal rank and longevity employed by the city who does not perform duties in a specialized police division.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:

It is the Committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, institution, or agency.

### TYPE OF CHANGE:

Amends existing law.

### SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

SECTION 1. Amends Section 143.103, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

Sec. 143.103. (d) For a municipality with a population of 1,500,000 or more, a peace officer employed in a specialized police division shall receive the same benefits and compensation as a peace officer of equal rank and longevity employed by the city who does not perform duties in a specialized police division.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause. Effective date: Ninety days after the end of the 71st Legislative Session.